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SUBJ: CARTER STATEMENT ON GERMAN/BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR
AGREEMENT CONCERNS MFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY
LAUTENSCHLAGER

1. IN MY NOVEMBER 18 CALL, DR. LAUTENSCHLAGER, MFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY REFERRING TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S NOVEMBER 15 STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY AND PRESS REACTION TO IT. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE LONDON NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS BILATERALS, WHERE NO PARTICULAR PROBLEMS AROSE FROM THE GERMAN POINT OF VIEW, BUT HE SAW THE CARTER DECLARATION AS RAISING DIFFICULT QUESTIONS.

2. THE PROBLEM, HE SAID, IS HOW TO FIT "MUTUALLY AGREED CONSIDERATIONS" RETROACTIVELY INTO AN AGREEMENT MADE AT A TIME WHEN THESE CONSIDERATIONS WERE NOT IN FORCE, WHEN THE ONLY LIMITATIONS WERE FIXED BY THE NPT. THE BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT WENT FAR BEYOND THE NPT, HE MAINTAINED, BUT ADDED THAT BY TODAY'S STANDARDS ONE MIGHT PERHAPS CONSIDER THE CONTROLS IN THE BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT NOT SUFFICIENT. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE FRG DID CONSIDER THEM SUFFICIENT. HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT, HE SAID, EVEN TO THINK IN TERMS OF NOT STICKING TO A COMMITMENT. TO

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MY QUESTION AS TO WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE

TO SEPARATE OUT THE REPROCESSING COMMITMENT FROM
THE BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT, LAUTENSCHLAGER REPLIED THAT
REPROCESSING IS PART OF THE DEAL AND HE DID NOT
BELIEVE IT COULD BE SEPARATED FROM IT.

3. I REMARKED THAT THE POLICY RECENTLY ENUNCIATED BY
PRESIDENT FORD EXPRESSES AND RESPONDS TO CONSIDERABLE
CONGRESSIONAL AS WELL AS PUBLIC PRESSURE.
LAUTENSCHLAGER SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD MADE
A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE POSITIONS OF PRESIDENT FORD
AND PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER AND HAD COME TO THE
CONCLUSION THAT CARTER'S WENT VERY MUCH FURTHER THAN THE
PRESIDENT'S. WE AGREED THAT THIS IS A MATTER THAT
COULD BEST BE HANDLED, AS MR. CARTER HAD INDICATED,
THROUGH CAREFUL CONSULTATION IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.
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